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This report contains the results from the *2011 August Ag Yield* and *Objective Yield Surveys*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

All Hay Production, excluding Alfalfa, Forecast at Smallest Yield since 1980
Corn, Cotton, Sorghum, Soybean and Wheat Production Forecast Up from Last Year
Hay and Rice Production Down from Last Year

Arkansas **corn** for grain production is forecast at 72 million bushels, up 26 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the second largest corn crop on record, second only to the record production of 2007 of 99.7 million bushels. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 150 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Producers expect to harvest 480,000 acres of corn for grain, up 100,000 acres from 2010. **All cotton** production is forecast at 1.3 million 480-pound bales, up 11 percent, or 124,000 more bales than last year. Yield is expected to average 975 pounds per harvested acre, down 70 pounds from 2010. Producers expect to harvest 640,000 acres of cotton, a 100,000 acre increase from 2010. **All hay** production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 2.09 million tons, down 21 percent from 2010. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 1.4 tons per acre, down 22 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.49 million acres of all hay, excluding alfalfa, up 14 percent from 2010. The 2011 total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 79.5 million hundredweight (cwt), down 31 percent from last year's production of 115.7 million cwt. If realized, this will be the lowest production since 1997's 79.2 million cwt. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2011 is forecast at 6,850 pounds per acre, up 370 pounds from last year's yield. Arkansas producers expect to harvest 1.16 million acres of rice, down 35 percent from 2010. If realized, it will be the smallest area harvested since 1989. **Sorghum** for grain production in 2011 is forecast at 7.2 million bushels, up 167 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 80 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from 2010. Area for grain harvest, at 90,000 acres, is up 157 percent from 2010. **Soybean** production in 2011 is forecast at 114.1 million bushels, up 4 percent from a last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 36 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year. Area for harvest, at 3.17 million acres, is up 1 percent, or 20,000 acres from 2010. **Winter wheat** production is forecast at 31.7 million bushels, up 291 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 61 bushels per acre, up 13 bushels per acre from last year. Area harvested for grain totaled 520,000 acres, up 246 percent, or 370,000 acres from 2010.

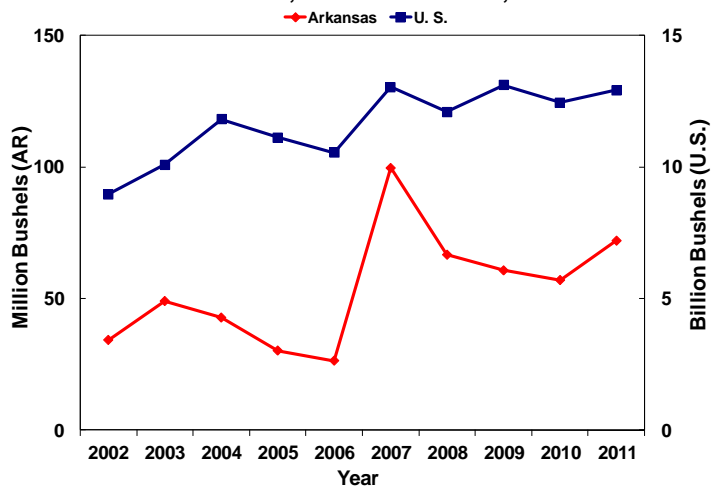
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2010 and Forecasted August 1, 2011

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	380	480	150	150	57,000	72,000
Cotton, All	1	540	640	1,045	975	1,176	1,300
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	1,470	1,490	1.80	1.40	2,646	2,086
Rice, All	2	1,785	1,160	6,480	6,850	115,675	79,460
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	35	90	77	80	2,695	7,200
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,150	3,170	35	36	110,250	114,120
Winter Wheat	Bushels	150	520	54	61	8,100	31,720
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	81,446	84,388	152.8	153.0	12,446,865	12,914,085
Cotton, All	1	10,698.7	9,666.5	812	822	18,104.1	16,554.2
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	39,906	38,276	1.95	1.75	77,653	67,002
Rice, All	2	3,615	2,644	6,725	7,114	243,104	188,088
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	4,808	4,388	71.8	54.8	345,395	240,638
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	76,616	73,823	43.5	41.4	3,329,341	3,055,882
Winter Wheat	Bushels	31,749	32,307	46.8	46.2	1,485,236	1,497,429

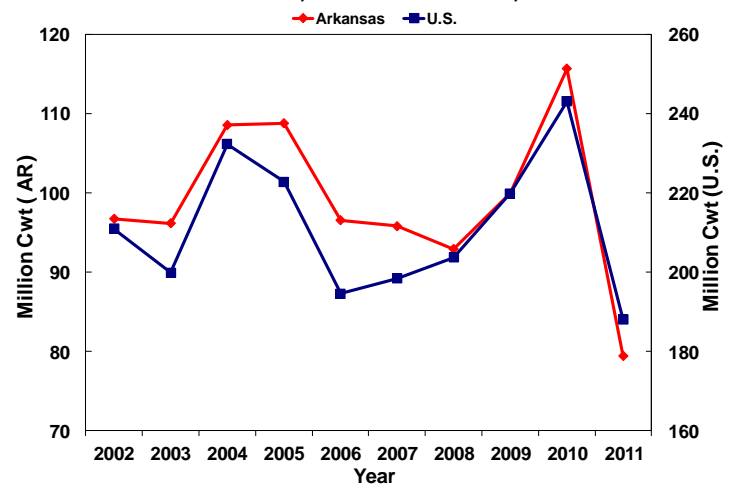
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).

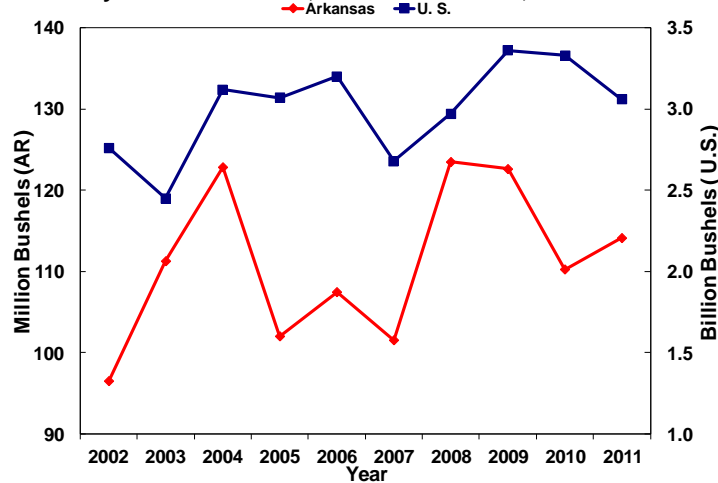
Corn: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011¹



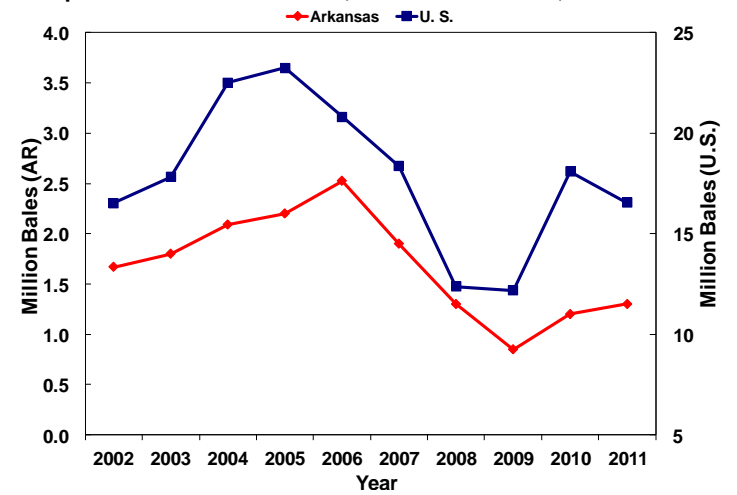
Rice: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011¹



Soybean: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011¹



Upland Cotton: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2011 as of August 1, 2011.